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COMPOST MANURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any intensive scheme at All India level is being implemented to promote the use of compost manure instead of chemical fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c): Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Balanced and Integrated Use of Fertilizers` the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has been extending financial support for promoting production of compost in the country. Financial support was made available for setting up of 22 compost units during 8th Plan and to 4 units and 9 mechanized compost plants during 9th Plan in different States. This scheme has now been subsumed in the Macro-Management mode of implementation which envisages that States/UTs can continue to pursue this programme through their work plans.